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1. France

- a) Saint Gobain, Chauny Plant. Production capacity of high analysis complex fertilizers is 50 thousand metric tons per year. Components are a phospho-nitric-potash combination. Nitric acid production is about 90 metric tons per day. Phosphoric acid production is about 40 metric tons per day. Labor supply is adequate and talented. Supervision is excellent. Plant has a well equipped laboratory. Chief engineer is J. J. Le Tourneau, aged about 42. He is smart and speaks fluent English. Manager of Chauny plant is (fnu) Borrocco.
- b) Saint Gobain, Rouen Plant (P.E.C.). Production of granulated fertilizers is 120 thousand metric tons per year. Installations include a phosphoric acid plant and ammonium nitrate plant.

2. Denmark

Kaltenbourg Fertilizer Company of Zealand, north of Copenhagen; 450 thousand metric tons of super phosphate fertilizer is produced per year.

3. Germany (Federal Republic).

- a) Viktor Company. Located near Essen. Production of ammonium nitrate is 700 metric tons per day.
- b) Scheibler Company of Cologne. This plant was 65% destroyed during World War II. Nitric acid plant, built in 1928, was undamaged. Production of mixed fertilizers is 75 thousand metric tons per year.

4. Italy

Vertrocoke Company of Venice. Though I do not recall production figures for fertilizer, it is very large. The nitric acid plant has a correspondingly large production.

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